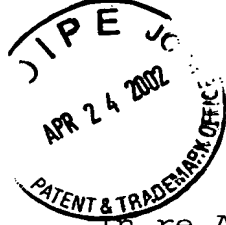


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2001  
(Paper #7), Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner  
reconsider the Application in light of the following  
amendments and remarks.

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